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SUBJECT: TEXT OF UNDNED VICTORIA FALLS AGREEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VICTORIAFALLS DECLARATION WHICH
ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS IAN SMITH REFUSED
TO APPROVE.

" DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT.
VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE -25(75

"1. THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET MINISTERS OF
THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ANC MET AT VICTORIA FALLS ON 25TH AUGUST
1975.

"2. BOTH PARTIES TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING THEIR
GENUINE DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE A CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT.

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"3 BOTH PARTIES PUBLICLY DECLARED THEIR COMMITMENT TO WORK OUT IMMEDIATELY A CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY.

"4. IN PURSUANCE OF THIS OBJECTIVE, THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ANC WERE INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, A PLENARY MEETING IN SALISBURY OF NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN RESPECTIVELY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA AND THE ANC. AT THIS MEETING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE WILL COMMENCE AND WHERE APPROPRIATE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT TO THE PLENARY MEETING ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS.

"5. THE ANC REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTLY IN EXILE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING IMMUNITIES:

(A) IMMUNITY FROM ENFORCEMENT IN ANY WAY OR DEGREE IN WHOLE OR IN PART OF AN EXISTING SENTENCE, ORDER OR DIRECTION.

(B) IMMUNITY FROM ARREST, PROSECUTION, DETENTION OR RESTRICTION OR ANY OTHER PROCESS WHATSOEVER FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION IN OR OUTSIDE RHODESIA BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING OR CONFERENCE.

(C) ANY PERSON NOMINATED BY THE ANC TO ATTEND IN ANY CAPACITY WHATSOEVER TO ATTEND ANY MEETINGS IN RHODESIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE OR ANY COMMITTEE OF SUB-COMMITTEE THEREOF SHALL HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AS THOUGH THEY WERE A DIPLOMATIC AGENT INCLUDING, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, TO THE GENERALITY OF SUCH IMMUNITY FULL RIGHT OF ENTRY TO AND EXIT FROM RHODESIA WITHOUT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND FULL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN RHODESIA, BUT SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA SHALL NOT DECLARE SUCH PERSON TO BE A NON PERSONA GRATA EXCEPT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAMBIA.

(D) SUBJECT TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DISCUSSIONS AS AGREED BELOW EVERY SUCH PERSON REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE 3 ABOVE SHALL HAVE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AT ALL MEETINGS, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, CONCERNING THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND ANY COMMITTEES OR SUB-COMMITTEES INCLUDING FREEDOM FROM OBSERVATION, HARASSMENT OR RECORDING.
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"6. BECAUSE OF THE URGENT NEED TO END THE PRESENT UNCERTAINTY IT WAS AGREED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO EXPDITE THE PROCEEDINGS. ACCRODINGLY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1975 WAS SET AS THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THIS STAGE.

"7. WHEN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT, A FINAL CONSTITUTIONAL

CONFERENCE WILL BE ARRANGED AT A MUTUALLY-AGREED VENUE, WHICH SHALL BE OUTSIDE RHODESIA. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE TO RATIFY FORMALLY THE TERM OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT GIVING EFFECT TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED.

"8. ALL THOSE PRESENT AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DISCUSSIONS AND UNDERTOOK NOT TO REVEAL ANY DETAILS TO THE PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA."
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